



Search Warrant Task Force

Reviewing Committee

August 11, 2021

Minutes

I. Reviewing Committee Convened.

- a. Attendees were Judge Foster Cotthoff, Honorable Joseph Ross, Honorable Damon Preston, Honorable Rob Sanders, Representative Ed Massey, and Chief Joe Monroe (virtual).

II. Approval of Minutes.

- a. The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.
- b. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Cotthoff. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Discussion.

- a. Members of the committee continued brainstorming about speakers to include in their upcoming presentation in October. They discussed including the perspectives of local police departments and Commonwealth's Attorneys.
- b. Next, the discussion turned to electronic search warrants and how transitioning to this model would affect various stages of the warrant process. The members discussed the importance of ensuring the warrant is legitimate and protocols to achieve this goal. The members discussed whether additional training would be necessary for judges, police departments, and Commonwealth's Attorneys. They determined that judge shopping may be an issue to address.
- c. The committee also conversed about the best practices presented by other states.
- d. Finally, the members discussed if a policy recommendation should be made regarding search warrants that are not executed due to a lack of data.

IV. Adjournment.

- a. Massey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sanders. The motion passed unanimously; committee was adjourned.